

**Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittees
Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2010**

A meeting of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee was held at the Natural Resources Center, 8901 South 154th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 6, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Conley at 6:31 p.m.

QUORUM CALL: Quorum call was taken. The following subcommittee members were in attendance.

Subcommittee Members Present	Subcommittee Members Absent	Other Directors Present	Others in Attendance
John Conley		Jim Thompson	John Winkler
Tim Fowler **		Dorothy Lanphier	Marlin Petermann
Rich Tesar		Fred Conley	Dick Sklenar
Rick Kolowski		Scott Japp	Pat Teer
David Klug			Trent Heiser
			Jerry Herbster
			Tom Pleiss
			Carey Fry
			Barbara Sudrla
			Jean Tait
			Jim Becic
			Lori Laster
			Terry Schumacher
			Ralph Puls
			Emmett Egr
			Brian Henkel
			Martin Cleveland
			Gerry Bowen
			Paul Peters, Legal Counsel
			Alicia Williams, AMEC
			Michael Alley, Alley Poyner
			Erin Trofholz, Alley Poyner
			Dennis Bryers, City of Omaha
			Pat Gilmore
			Aaron Graham
			Patrick Sullivan
			Shawn Melotz

** = Alternate Voting Member

Adoption of Agenda

- It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Kolowski that the agenda be adopted.

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Voting yes: Kolowski, John Conley, Tesar, Klug, Fowler
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Proof of Publication: Public notice of the meeting was posted at all District offices and in the Omaha World-Herald on July 1, 2010. The Chairperson ordered the Proof of Publication recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

FEMA Coordinated Needs Management Strategy Assessment Contract with AMEC: Lori Laster stated that the District will receive funding to perform a Coordinated Needs Management Strategy (CNMS) assessment on currently mapped streams within the District. The assessment will validate current effective floodplains along detailed streams. AMEC Earth & Environmental has previously performed CNMS assessments for many counties in FEMA Region 7. Lori recommended that AMEC complete the assessment for \$23,730, all of which will be reimbursed to the District by FEMA.

- **It was moved by Director Klug and seconded by Director Fowler that the General Manager be authorized to execute for and on behalf of the District the contract with AMEC Earth and Environmental to complete work for the Coordinated Needs Management Strategy Assessment as required by FEMA not to exceed \$23,730, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion failed on a vote of 5-0.

Voting yes: Kolowski, John Conley, Tesar, Klug, Fowler
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Omaha on Keystone East Trail: Gerry Bowen explained that an amendment to the Keystone East Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha was needed to keep the responsibilities of the City and the District as close as possible for development of the trail segments. The proposal is for the City to acquire all right-of-way for the entire project, to be reimbursed later by the District. Director John Conley inquired how this would affect the District's cost to the project. Gerry stated that there should be no change in the District's cost for the project. There was further discussion.

- **It was moved by Director Fowler and seconded by Director Klug that the amendment to the Keystone East Interlocal Agreement with the City of Omaha be approved subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Voting yes: Kolowski, John Conley, Tesar, Klug, Fowler
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Discussion of NRC Office Renovation: John Winkler stated that growing pains have developed for the District with the addition of staff over the past several years. Cubicle alignment is much the same for the past couple of decades since the building was constructed 23 years ago. The firm of Alley Poyner Macchietto was hired to analyze office space re-alignment within the current walls of the building. Michael Alley and Erin Trofholz showed a draft floor plan that would add more work stations. The estimated cost for the renovation was \$341,180.35. Director Tesar suggested that the option of expanding the building should be looked at. John Winkler stated that there would be further investigation on other alternatives.

Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Emergency Watershed Protection Project: Flooding last month in the Elkhorn River resulted in severe erosion along portions of the banks in Douglas and Sarpy counties. One of the worst areas was near the Douglas/Sarpy county line. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) reviewed this area and felt that it may be eligible for Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funding. The EWP program requires a local sponsor and would pay up to 75% of the project cost, including engineering fees. A rough estimate to make repairs to this area was \$500,000.

- **It was moved by Director Tesar and seconded by Director Klug that the General Manager be authorized to provide necessary professional engineering services and to execute a local sponsorship agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service providing for an Emergency Watershed Protection Project on the Elkhorn River near the Douglas-Sarpy County line, with such other terms as deemed necessary by the General Manager and approved as to form by District Legal Counsel.**

Roll call was taken on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Voting yes: Kolowski, John Conley, Tesar, Klug, Fowler
Voting no: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Adjournment: Being no further business, the Subcommittee adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by acclamation.